

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) Gastrointestinal apparatus comprising:
  - a guidewire, configured for introduction through a rectum of a subject;
  - a gastrointestinal tool formed with a bore, said guidewire passing through said bore; and
  - an inflatable device, adapted to pull said guidewire through a colon of a subject, away from said rectum.
2. (original) The gastrointestinal apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said guidewire comprises a distal stop that prevents movement of said gastrointestinal tool therepast.
3. (original) The gastrointestinal apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said gastrointestinal tool comprises an imaging device.
4. (original) The gastrointestinal apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said imaging device comprises at least one of a CCD camera, an illumination device, a vision device, an ultrasound sensor, and an x-ray emitter.
5. (original) The gastrointestinal apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said gastrointestinal tool comprises a catheter that slides over said guidewire.
6. (original) The gastrointestinal apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said catheter comprises a lumen for passing therethrough at least one of an instrument and a fluid.
7. (original) The gastrointestinal apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said gastrointestinal tool comprises a chamfer for facilitating passage through a lumen.
8. (original) The gastrointestinal apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said gastrointestinal tool comprises a cutting tool.
9. (original) The gastrointestinal apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said gastrointestinal tool comprises a sampling device.
10. (original) The gastrointestinal apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said gastrointestinal tool comprises a magnetic device.

11. (currently amended) A method for constructing a gastrointestinal apparatus, comprising:

providing a guidewire, configured for introduction through a rectum of a subject;

providing an inflatable device adapted to pull said guidewire through a colon of a subject, away from said rectum;

providing a gastrointestinal tool formed with a bore; and

sliding said gastrointestinal tool over said guidewire, said guidewire passing through said bore.

12. (original) The method according to claim 11, further comprising sliding another tool over said guidewire that cooperates with said gastrointestinal tool.

13. (original) The method according to claim 11, wherein said gastrointestinal tool comprises an imaging device.

14. (original) The method according to claim 11, wherein said gastrointestinal tool comprises a catheter that slides over said guidewire.

15. (original) The method according to claim 11, further comprising sliding a collapsible sleeve over said guidewire and inflating said sleeve to create an endoscope, said inflated sleeve comprising at least one channel.

16. (currently amended) A method comprising:

introducing a guidewire through a rectum into a colon of a subject;

pulling said guidewire through said colon, away from said rectum, using an inflatable device; and

sliding a gastrointestinal tool over said guidewire such that said guidewire passes through a bore of said gastrointestinal tool.